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In re Patent Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2871
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AFTER FINAL RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed November 15, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 14, 1998; June 7, 2000; August 11, 2000; October 4, 2000; January 25, 2002; and January 24, 2005.

Claims 31-33, 38, 39, 46-51, 55-58, 65, 66, 83-94, 99, 106-110 and 115-135 are pending in the present application. Claims 38, 39, 83-94, 99, 106-108, 116-119, 122, 123 and 128-132 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 31-33, 46-51, 55-58, 65, 66, 109, 110, 115, 120, 121, 124-127 and 133-135 are currently elected, of which claims 31-33, 55, 56 and 109 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.